

Application No. 10/020,425

Supplemental Response to Final Office Action of October 22, 2003

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Applicants: Mitsuaki Oshima et al.
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Title: MARK FORMING APPARATUS, METHOD OF FORMING LASER
MARK ON OPTICAL DISK, REPRODUCING APPARATUS, OPTICAL
DISK AND METHOD OF PRODUCING OPTICAL DISK

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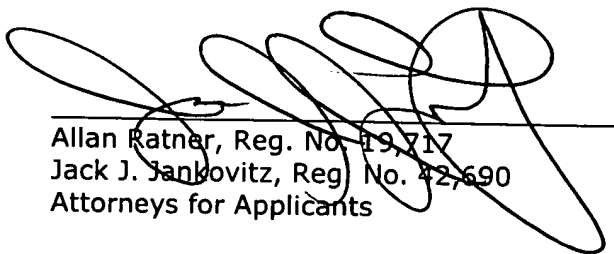
This is a Supplemental Response to the Final Office Action dated October 22, 2003.

In the first Response (mailed January 7, 2004) to this Final Office Action, Applicants requested, at page 3 of the Response, that the Examiner acknowledge an enclosed copy of an IDS filed on February 24, 2003 (with a **partial** English translation), after the Examiner receives a **complete** English translation of Japanese Official Action, for Japanese Patent Application JP 2002-235948.

Applicants are now enclosing a complete English translation of this Japanese Official Action. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge the IDS filed on February 24, 2003.

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NOTICE OF REJECTION

Patent Application Number: Patent Application No. 2002-235948

Drafting Date: November 11, 2002

Examiner of Patent Office: Kenichi Saito 3046 5D00

Attorney of Patent Applicant: Mr. Masamichi Matsuda

Clauses of Application: Section 29(2), Section 36

The present application is to be rejected due to the following reasons. Should the applicant wish to make any statements thereto, the applicant is invited to submit Arguments within 60 days from the date of mailing of this Notice.

REASONS

[1]

The descriptions of the specification and the drawings do not satisfy requirements as regulated by the Patent Law Section 36(4) and (6).

NOTES

While it is recited in Claim 1 that "barcode patterns are recorded on areas that can be read by a pickup", the fact that whether something can be read by a pickup is dependent on the performance of a reproducing device, and it is not obvious from the above descriptions at which portion of the optical disk the barcodes are to be disposed.

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The same applies also to Claim 3.

The relationship between the "second information recording layer" and the "information recording layer" in Claim 2 is unclear.

The same applies also to Claim 4.

Accordingly, the inventions according to Claims 1 to 4 are not apparent.

[2]

Since the inventions according to the following claims of the present application could have been easily invented on the basis of inventions described in the following distributed publications in Japan or elsewhere prior to the filing of the patent application by a person with ordinary skill in the art in the technical field the invention belongs to prior to the filing of the application, they can not be patented due to the regulations of the Patent Law Section 29(2).

NOTES (See list of Cited References etc. for cited references and the like)

Claims: 1, 2, 5, 6

Cited References: 1 or 2

REMARKS:

Document 1 discloses an optical disk including a data recording area and a characteristic data recording area and a reproducing device for the optical disk, wherein mode information

of optical disks is stored on the characteristic data recording area in form of barcodes, and wherein the reproducing device reproduces the data recording area and the characteristic data recording area by using the same optical pickup.

In the cited document 2, description is given of the invention directed to an optical disk on which disk information is recorded with bar codes and to a reproduction device for the optical disk, wherein further description is given of a technique that the bar codes and other data are reproduced with a single pick-up.

Claims: 3 and 4

Cited documents and others: 1 and 3 to 5 or 2 to 5

Note:

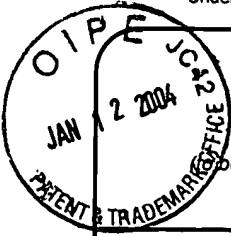
A method for recording auxiliary information with bar codes on an optical disk is a well-known technique. (Please refer to cited documents 3 to 5, when required.)

List of Cited Reference

1. JP laid-open No. 3-116441
2. JP laid-open No. 3-78178
3. JP laid-open No. 58-211343
4. JP laid-open No. 61-248250
5. JP laid-open No. 2-56750

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第29条第2項、第36条

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理 由

[1]

この出願は、明細書及び図面の記載が下記の点で、特許法第36条第4項及び第6項に規定する要件を満たしていない。

記

請求項1には、「ピックアップによって読み取り可能な領域にバーコードパターンが記録されている」と記載されているが、ピックアップで読み取り可能か否かは、再生装置の性能に依存することであり、上記記載からは光ディスクのどの部分にバーコードを配置するのかが不明である。

請求項3についても同様のことがいえる。

請求項2の「第2の情報記録層」と「情報記録層」との関係が不明である。

請求項4についても同様のことがいえる。

したがって、請求項1乃至4に係る発明は明確でない。

[2]

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記 (引用文献等については引用文献等一覧参照)

請求項：1, 2, 5, 6

引用文献等：1又は2

備考：

文献1には、データ記録エリアと特性データ記録エリアとを備えた光ディスク及び該光ディスクの再生装置が記載されており、特性データ記録エリアには、光ディスクのモード情報がバーコードで記録され、前記再生装置はデータ記録エリアと特性データ記録エリアとを同一の光ピックアップで再生することが記載されている。

文献2には、ディスク情報をバーコードで記録した光ディスク及び該光ディスクの再生装置についての発明が記載されており、単一のピックアップでバーコードとその他のデータとを再生することが記載されている。

請求項：3, 4

引用文献等：1及び3乃至5、又は、2乃至5

備考：

光ディスクにバーコードで副情報を記録する方法は周知技術である。(必要であれば文献3乃至5を参照。)

引用文献等一覧 (Cited References)

1. 特開平 3-116441号公報
2. 特開平 3- 78178号公報
3. 特開昭58-211343号公報
4. 特開昭61-248250号公報
5. 特開平 2- 56750号公報

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